

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty years ago on December 14, 1954, Lonnie Smith took the hand of his beautiful bride, Pansy Bastion, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend W.M. Stephens north of Wheatland; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Lonnie and Pansy Smith have had the pleasure of raising four sons, Ronnie Smith, Rick Smith, James Smith, and Jerry Smith, and the privilege of spoiling seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now semi-retired, Lonnie Smith is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful twenty-four-year endeavor at Martin Dairy; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Pansy Smith offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, Lonnie and Pansy Smith have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the last fifty years, a few of which include hunting, fishing, crocheting, writing poetry, and crafts; and

Whereas, Lonnie and Pansy Smith derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with Elkton Christian Church, a place of worship that has special meaning to them as cherished members; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, residents of Elkton, will commemorate the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on December 18, 2004, at Elkton Christian Church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Lonnie and Pansy Smith for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them many happy and rewarding years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Smith.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker